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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of William Joseph "Bill" Fine of Alton on Thursday, April 8, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fine was born on February 11, 1929, in Mexico, Missouri, to Henry C. and Ida Pearl (Whitley) Fine; he graduated from high school in 1948 in Mexico, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fine valiantly served his country as a corporal in the United States Army during the Korean War; he married the former Evelyn Marie Hardy on February 13, 1953, and they recently celebrated 51 years of marriage; they lived for many years in Granite City before moving to Alton to join the family business, Fine-Burke-Statens Funeral Homes, where he assisted his son, Brian, for the last 12 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fine was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Alton, Veterans of Foreign Wars Alton Post 1308, and Teamsters Union Local 971; he will be remembered as a dedicated father, grandfather, and friend to many who respected him for his work ethic and many dedications; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of William Joseph "Bill" Fine has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Evelyn Marie; his sons, Bradley H. (Karen) Fine, Brian S. (Nancy) Fine, and Michael D. Fine; his daughter, Debra Jo (Franklin A.) Hollis; his grandchildren, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Chet (April) Fine, Kyle Fine, Andy Fine, William Julian Fine, Maggie Noelle Fine, Angela Hollis, and Ben (Amy Doucleff) Hollis; his great-grandchildren, Chance Fine, Cherady Fine, and Catherine Rose Hollis; his brothers, James B. (Sandy) Fine and Richard (Nobe) Fine; his sister, Ruth Johnson; his brothers-in-law, James Neely and Richard (Brenda) Brewer; his sister-in-law, Shirley Hardy; and his many nieces, nephews, other extended

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1 family, and many dear friends; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 William Joseph "Bill" Fine, and we extend our deepest sympathy
5 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of William Joseph "Bill" Fine as an
9 expression of our sincere condolences.